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SUBJ: YEVTUSHENKO ON SAKHAROV

1. CANADIAN EMBASSY HAS MADE AVAILABLE THE SUBSTANCE OF A CONVERSATION WHICH AMBASSADOR FORD HAD WITH SOVIET POET YEVGENY YEVTUSHENKO DURING PAST WEEK. CANADIANS ASK THAT YEVTUSHENKO BE STRICTLY PROTECTED, ALTHOUGH THIS MAY BE FRUITLESS SINCE THE CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE IN FORD'S OFFICE.

2. YEVTUSHENKO WAS IN ALMA-ATA FOR AFRO-ASIAN WRITERS CONFERENCE WHEN SAKHAROV CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED. HE SAID "SMALLER FRY" AMONG SOVIET WRITERS WERE AMAZED BY PUBLICATION OF REVELATORY MATERIALS ON SAKHAROV AND SOLZHENITSYN. YEVTUSHENKO REGARDS WHOLE AFFAIR AS "STRANGE, INTERNAL POWER PLAY," HAVING NOTHING TO DO WITH FOREIGN POLICY. ASKED WHETHER ACTION BY HANDLER OF U.S. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES WAS KNOWN AMONG SOVIET WRITERS, YEVTUSHENKO CLAIMED "EVERYONE" KNEW ABOUT IT AND REGARDED IT AS VERY IMPORTANT.

3. YEVTUSHENKO CLAIMED THAT ALREADY IN ALMA-ATA HE WAS PRESSURED TO SIGN LETTER ATTACKING SAKHAROV, BUT HE REFUSED. WHEN HE RETURNED TO MOSCOW, HE WAS CALLED IN BY THE UNION AND CRITICIZED. AMONG OTHER
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THINGS, UNION OFFICIALS ALLEGEDLY ASKED HIM WHETHER

HE WOULD HAVE REFUSED TO SIGN SUCH A LETTER IF HE WERE EDITOR OF RESPONSIBLE JOURNAL (SUPPOSEDLY A REFERENCE TO CURRENT DISCUSSIONS ABOUT NAMING YEVTUSHENKO EDITOR OF NEW LITERARY JOURNAL), AND YEVTUSHENKO ALLEGEDLY SAID HE WOULD STILL HAVE REFUSED.

4. YEVTUSHENKO COMMENTED THAT VOZNESENSKY HAD MANAGED TO AVOID BEING PRESSURED BECAUSE HE WAS ON A TRIP TO BULGARIA, WHILE ROZHDESTVENSKY WAS ON A TRIP TO THE U.S.

5. COMMENT: EVEN MAKING ALLOWANCES FOR YEVTUSHENKO'S BOMBAST, HIS COMMENTS ARE TESTIMONY TO THE IMPACT THAT SAKHAROV'S EFFORTS HAVE HAD EVEN ON ESTABLISHMENT INTELLECTUALS. FAILURE TO ACT AGAINST SAKHAROV COULD COMPOUND THE IMPACT.

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